



**City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Trinity City Council was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at the Trinity Memorial United Methodist Church.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor, Jimmy Shore; Council members Karen Bridges, Phil Brown, Barbara Ewings, Bob Labonte, Barry Lambeth, Dwight Meredith, Edith Reddick, and Miles Talbert.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Ann Bailie; Attorney, Alan Pugh (for Bob Wilhoit); City Planning/Zoning Code Enforcement Administrator, Adam Stumb; City Clerk, Debbie Hinson; City Engineer Randy McNeill; Members of the Press; and other interested parties.

ITEM 1. Call to Order

Mayor Shore called the April 19, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Trinity City Council to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council member Ewings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Council member Lambeth.

Welcome Guest and Visitors

Mayor Shore welcomed and thanked all persons in attendance.

ITEM 2. Review and Approval of Minutes

1. March 08, 2005 Pre-Agenda Meeting

Mayor Shore called for corrections, additions, or deletions to the March 08, 2005 Pre-Agenda Minutes.

With no corrections, Council member Talbert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council member Ewings seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

2. March 15, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting

Mayor Shore called for corrections, additions, or deletions to the March 15, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting.

With no corrections, Council member Ewings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council member Bridges seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Public Concerns and Commendations

Mayor Shore called for Public Concerns and Commendations.

Mickey Phillips 3924 Red Fox Road, Trinity; Ms. Phillips discussed the survey (SIM) included in the Trinity Connection Newsletter. She discussed her reasons for not raising taxes and why as well as the request to prioritize other services. It was her opinion that the city save the money and not raise taxes. There is not that much violence or crime in Trinity and we have the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's office. We could encourage more community watch and will save money. We can continue to use the recyclable center and continue to let persons drop off at this site. We could pitch in and volunteer to do for others in this area as well. When Trinity began discussion for incorporation the original sales pitch was to do this so that we would not to be incorporated by other municipalities and to keep Trinity as it was and not a change to expand Trinity. We pay school taxes we should have access to the school yards.

I don't think we need a park because we can use schools grounds. Highway 62 looks nice and I am not sure about improving 62. DOT needs to improve roads but I do not see any other changes that are needed. I do not want to raise taxes. There is already gas increases, increases in federal taxes, and appears that our city may be raised whether we like it or not. I am here to protest this and ask that Council leave Trinity as it was discussed at the original first meeting. I am sure as the committee grows so does ideas. I want no tax increase and have talked to other people who feel the same way.

Mayor Shore thanked Ms. Phillips for her comments and advised her that was why the survey with the information concerning the increase of taxes to provide them was included in the newsletter. This was to enable the city to gather comments and information concerning these services from its residents.

Stan Byrd; representing Cheer Fund; Mr. Byrd advised Council he had been the Cheer Fund Chairman for 18 years and that this had made a great impact on these communities. He discussed how his group bought toys and clothes for children in need within the Archdale/Trinity Communities. We work hand in hand with the schools and most children we help live in Trinity. We also play Santa the Saturday before Christmas. This is separate from the clothes and toys we buy for children. We pick neighborhoods and pull in with Santa on a chair. We allow the children to visit with Santa and give out treat bags. We remain in the neighborhood until the children stop coming and move on to another neighborhood.

I am here tonight to request a name change from the Archdale Cheer Fund to the Archdale/Trinity Cheer Fund. We felt that we needed to come to council to request this change. We would like to have a sign/thermometer in Trinity as well as Archdale.

There was conversation between Council and Mr. Byrd concerning the number of children in Trinity served through this club. Mr. Byrd advised Council that approximately 60% of the children served were located in the Trinity area.

It was the census from Council members to approve name change as requested by Mr. Byrd.

Opening Comments from Members of Council

Mayor Shore called for opening comments from members of Council.

Council member Talbert commented on the formation of Trinity as a City. We were not formed to stay as we are. We were formed as a city to control our own destiny. When you put sewer projects in like we are and that we have approved this city is going to grow and grow a lot. We will not stay like we are but we have control; not Thomasville, High Point or Archdale.

Mayor Shore announced the vacancy on the Utilities Committee had been filled. The city only received one (1) application for this position. Mickey Callahan applied and was selected to serve on this committee. He is a retired Captain from the High Point Fire Department. We appreciate Mickey volunteering to fill this position.

Mayor Shore also discussed Cody Jordon a student from Archdale/Trinity Middle School who spoke to Council at the Pre-Agenda Meeting earlier this month. He was selected to go to Washington as part of the business leadership program and is trying to raise money to help fund his trip. If anyone would like to contribute to his effort they may contact city hall for information.

Proclamation

ITEM 3.

Proclamation Declaring May 1 – 7, 2005 as Municipal Clerks Week

After Mayor Shore opened this item and read a portion of the Proclamation, *Council member Bridges made a motion to approve the Resolution. Council member Talbert seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.*

Reports

ITEM 4.

Annual report and funding request for Archdale Library (Naomi Galbreath, Archdale Branch Manager)

Mayor Shore opened the item and called on Ms. Galbreath to address Council with her request.

Ms. Galbreath thanked Mayor Shore and Council for the opportunity to request money and to give an update on the library. She discussed the handout given to Council (included) as well as new programs that allows people to bond and gives persons the opportunity to get together and talk about their experience. Our library is about building the community.

Ms. Galbreath advised Council that the number of Trinity residents with library cards was over 500 which is approximately 63% of Trinity's population.

Ms. Galbreath advised Council that her request was for the \$5,000.00 the same amount as last year and as requested from Archdale, and the County.

There was conversation between Mayor Shore, Council members, and Ms. Galbreath concerning the use of the \$5,000.00 and if the donation was used solely for the Archdale Branch. Ms. Galbreath advised Council the money was dedicated for the Archdale Branch and the money would be spent for items for the Archdale Branch. This money is dedicated to books on CD and some DVD'S.

Council member Brown made a motion to fund the library request in the amount of \$5,000.00. Council member Bridges seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

ITEM 5. Update: Archdale-Trinity Family YMCA (Ron Austin, Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Greater High Point; Fred Meredith, Chairman of the Archdale-Trinity Family YMCA; John Maddocks, Board Member, Archdale-Trinity Family YMCA)

After Mayor Shore opened the item, John Maddocks updated Council on the progress of the YMCA. We have a Preliminary Plan for a 44,000 square foot facility plan that will be built from brick and mortar. It will include daycare, wellness center, gymnasium, Olympic size swimming pool, handicapped facilities that will allow persons with handicaps to use the facility, steam rooms, hot tubs, and adult locker rooms.

It is our hope to be able to address all of these things in Phase 1. We have three (3) Phases. Phase I will include all of the classrooms and the pool, Phase 2 that includes a gymnasium, and Phase 3 that will include 4 additional daycare classrooms.

We have 100 Adults signed up for softball league this summer as well as 200 youth that will be served through the YMCA. We have partnered with the Archdale-Trinity Little League and are now managing the Little League Facilities at the Aldridge Field. We will be beginning our first day care this summer that will take place in Trinity. We will have 40 students for an 8 week program. It is our goal to serve the youth and adults of this community now and not wait for a building.

We have confirmed 1.5 million dollar confirmed in pledges and is growing all the time. This is a quite phase of fund raising. We will be soliciting you soon and hope that you will be assisting us soon with our fund raising efforts.

We have established consortiums of local banks that will take the pledges made to the YMCA that create a loan for us that are balanced against the pledges. This will allow us to begin building as soon as pledges are in hand.

Our partnership with City of Trinity is a key component of what we wish to accomplish. We want this to facility to serve the entire Archdale and Trinity community and tie us together not separate us. The programs this summer will include both communities. The YMCA brings into any community better residencies, better structures and an increase number of family businesses. This will improve the tax base for Trinity and Archdale and will improve the quality of life for each of us.

The YMCA will be built to act as an emergency facility for crisis in the event of a catastrophe. It will have emergency generators.

We wish to continue working with you and plan on meeting with you in the future to discuss further plans s we go along. Mr. Maddocks called for questions.

Council members asked about the total cost of the YMCA and if the City of Archdale had made a commitment for contribution to the YMCA.

Mr. Maddocks stated the total cost of the project was bid at 4.7 million dollars. This equates to approximately \$100.00 per square foot with a \$300,000.00 contingency. We have not asked Trinity or Archdale for a gift at this time but would like to keep parity between the two municipalities. We would like to meet with both city councils together at some time to discuss this. We believe this is a joint community effort.

ITEM 6. Update: Sewer Projects (Randy McNeill, City Engineer)

Mayor Shore opened this item and asked Mr. McNeill to brief Council on this item.

Mr. McNeill discussed the ongoing sewer projects per the attached handouts that included Preliminary Completion Schedules for all projects (attached).

He discussed the money left from the program from the original Phase 1 project and how that money would be used to complete the Phase 1 Extension as well as the start date for sewer line installation for the Colonial Heights Project. Also discussed were the new CDBG Project and the 30 month process to complete this project. Phase 3, 4, and 5 are all part of the Bond Referendum that was passed this past November.

Also discussed and included are estimated Project Cost for the Phase 3 Sewer System Expansion.

Mayor Shore, Council members, and Mr. McNeill discussed the Phase3 pump station location.

Mr. McNeill explained the idea was to put the pump station along Uwharrie River, however, we couldn't because of the lay of the land. Morgan Street is the new planned location at this time and as we get into the planning of this project then this area will be defined. Construction will determine where the location of this station will be located.

ITEM 7. Report and Recommendations of the Fire Protection Task Force (*Ann Bailie, City Manager; Dwight Meredith, Task Force Chairman; Kelly Grooms, Task Force member*)

Mayor Shore opened this item and asked Manager Bailie for comments.

Manager Bailie discussed the 6 members appointed to the Fire Task Force by Council in March 2004. The purpose of this group was to evaluate the services provided by Fairgrove and Guil-Rand Fire Departments. The group met an average of one (1) time per month. They gathered and reviewed a tremendous amount of material. Tonight the Task Force is here to report their findings and their recommendations. The group as a whole is to be commended for the work they have done. Each member brought a unique prospective to the table. There was not always agreement but the final product is a testament to their dedication in evaluation the services received by our residents. The report is comprehensive and fair. Manager Bailie recognized Mr. Adam Stumb who provided staff support to the Task Force prior to turning the discussion over to Dwight Meredith, Chairman of the Fire Task Force.

Mr. Meredith discussed the amount of time dedicated by members of the Task Force for a period in excess of over one (1) year. Mr. Meredith recognized the members of the Fire Task force individually and extended his appreciation and thanks for the outstanding job they performed for the citizens of the city.

After recognition of the members, Mr. Meredith turned the presentation of the Report and Recommendations of the Fire Protection Task Force to Fire Task Force Member Kelly Grooms for a power point presentation to review and highlight the Report and Recommendations.

Mr. Grooms began by advising Mayor Shore, Council members, and the audience that the Task Force wanted to make sure that the information given in the report was factual and correct. This report and facts in this report were done solely by looking at each department and in no way is this a reflection on any firefighter from either department.

Mr. Grooms reviewed the power point presentation (included) highlighting the Fire Task Report and Recommendations.

After the review, Council members and Mr. Grooms discussed the difference in tax rates between Guil-Rand and Fairgrove Departments. Guil-Rand is locked in at 10 cents. Fairgrove is currently at .06 and could increase their rate to 15 cents.

There was comment made from a Trinity resident concerning the 25 mile distance that must be traveled by Ash-Rand when called and the need to provide the best response in the shortest time to all citizens.

At the conclusion of discussion, Mayor Shore stated that no action would be taken tonight asked Council members to take the information given to them and study in preparation for discussion next month.

Council member Talbert stated he felt this was one of the reasons why the Task Force was formed. We would like a uniform service to the City of Trinity. It is something we were given at the start of our City. Those fire districts were not set up by the City of Trinity. They are set up by the county. We are wrestling with this thing to try and get a uniform service for the City of Trinity and that was one of the purposes of this study. We are going to work on this but it is not something we can solve overnight but we are going to address this.

Council members, Mayor Shore and Manager Bailie discussed how to proceed with a meeting to discuss the findings and the Report and Recommendations made in the report from the Fire Task Force. Mayor Shore asked that members read and study the report and contact members of the Fire Task Force prior to taking any action.

Mayor Shore expressed his appreciation to the Fire Task Members for the time and effort that each of them put into the study. I feel that each member was qualified.

At this time Council member Bridges made a motion for a brief recess. The motion was seconded by Council member Brown and approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Mayor Shore called for a 5 minute recess.

After a 5 minute recess, Mayor Shore called the meeting to order and back to session.

Public Hearings**

ITEM 8. Consider request by Martha Stunda to add “Reception House” to chart of permitted uses. As proposed, use would require special use permitting in RA (Residential Agriculture) and R-40 (Residential 40,000 sq. Ft. Lot) districts.

Mayor Shore opened this item and asked Mr. Stumb to brief Council on this item.

Mr. Stumb stated this proposed use was almost identical to a bed & breakfast use except there will be no overnight guests. This facility would be used for private type uses such as receptions, weddings, etc. At the Pre-Agenda Meeting there was a concern concerning the stipulation of parking in the rear. Since that meeting we have deleted this stipulation for this use, however in this request the parking will be in the back. This will allow this use to be added as a Special Use to the Table of Permitted Uses.

The Planning/Zoning Board approved this request unanimously.

Mayor Shore opened the Public Hearing to anyone who wished to speak in favor of this request.

Hearing none, Mayor Shore opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak against the request.

Hearing none, Mayor Shore closed the Public Hearing and asked for staff recommendation.

Mr. Stumb advised Mayor Shore and Council that staff recommended approval of this request.

After staff recommendation, Mayor Shore opened this request to Council for discussion and or action.

Council member Brown made a motion to recommend approval of this request. Council member Talbert seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

ITEM 9. Consider Request From Harmony Industries To Add “Recycling Processing Facility, Indoors” To Chart Of Permitted Uses. As Proposed, Use Would Be Permitted In M-2 (Light Industrial) And M-1 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning Districts.

Mayor Shore opened this item and asked Mr. Stumb to brief Council on this item.

Mr. Stumb advised Council this request was to add recycling process facility. They will have a warehouse type facility where trucks will be bring in recycling materials. They will be placed inside, sorted, put on truck, and taken out by truck and moved on its way. This would be a permitted use in Light and Heavy Industrial. There was concern about how the definition read. We changed the wording so all process will be taking place indoors.

There was discussion between Council members and Mr. Stumb concerning the amount of traffic that may be in or out of this site on a daily basis. Council was advised there would be approximately 10 per day.

Mayor Shore opened the Public Hearing to anyone who wished to speak in favor of this request.

Hearing none, Mayor Shore opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak against the request.

Hearing none, Mayor Shore closed the Public Hearing and asked Mr. Stumb for his recommendation.

Mr. Stumb advised Mayor Shore and Council that staff recommended approval of this request and the Planning/Zoning Board recommended approval unanimously at their last meeting.

Mayor Shore opened this request to Council for discussion and or action.

Council member Talbert made a motion to recommend approval of this request. Council member Ewings seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

ITEM 10. Consider request from Harmony Industries for a Special Intensity Allocation to allow up to 70% built-upon area.

(Public hearing not required.)

Mayor Shore opened this item and asked Mr. Stumb to brief Council on this item.

Mr. Stumb advised Council that with the new construction by Harmony Industries they are requesting a Special Intensity Allocation up to approximately 64% to 65% total built upon area. The total built upon area on their site plan indicates approximately 64%. The Planning/Zoning Board recommended 64%. It is my recommendation that we give them 65% just to provide some cushion in the event something should happen. The existing buildings there will be excluded from the calculation according to the Ordinance. What is there now and what is proposed to be built will exceed 70% .

There was discussion between Mayor Shore, Council members and Mr. Stumb regarding the recommendation of the Planning/Zoning Board and what percentage this area was at currently.

Mr. Stumb advised Mayor Shore and Council members that the Planning/Zoning Boards recommendation was to allow 64%, and staff recommendation was to allow 65% for Special Allocation. The existing buildings take up approximately 8%. These buildings were built prior to the incorporation of the city and prior to the Ordinance so they will be excluded from the calculation. In the event the building was destroyed the developer would have to come back and request this allocation again.

Council member Meredith made a motion to approve the 65% allocation recommended by the staff. Council member Ewings seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

ITEM 11. Minor Text Amendments To Zoning Ordinance

Mayor Shore opened this item and asked for Mr. Stumb to brief Council.

Mr. Stumb explained this was a minor change on page 8-3 section to section 8-6. Previously this read "In the event of failure to comply with the plans approved by the City Council or Board of Adjustment ---," has been changed to eliminate the Board of Adjustment and will now read " In the event of failure to comply with the plans approved by the City Council." The Board of Adjustment has been eliminated from this section since the City Council has final decision. This change will be reflected in the Ordinance.

There was discussion among Council members, Mr. Stumb, and Attorney Pugh why the Board of Adjustment was being eliminated from this section. Attorney Pugh advised Council that in Trinity the City Council makes decisions on Special Use Permits and the Board of Adjustment is not involved in the decision making process of Special Uses. This is a typographical error.

Mayor Shore opened the Public Hearing for anyone who wished to speak in favor of this request. Hearing none, Mayor Shore opened the Public Hearing for anyone who wished to speak against this request. Hearing none, Mayor Shore closed the Public Hearing and turned this item over to Council for discussion and or action.

With no further discussion, Council member Bridges made a motion to approve this request as amended. Council member Brown seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

ITEM 12. Budget Amendment: Local Sewer Capital Project Fund. Transfer \$5,000 From Contingency Account To Legal Account For Expenditures Related To Easement Acquisitions. (No Additional Funds Required)

Mayor Shore opened this item and turned the discussion over to Manager Bailie.

Manager Bailie advised Council this Budget Amendment was needed due to increased expenditures related to easement acquisitions for the Colonial Heights Project.

Council member Talbert moved to make a motion to approve the transfer for the Budget Amendment. Council member Brown seconded the move to motion. The move to motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

Business from Mayor and Council

Council Members

Council member Brown discussed the possibility of Council meeting in approximately 2 weeks to discuss the report presented to Council tonight by the Fire Task Force. Manager Bailie suggested that Council members read the report

and to get with her or the mayor to get a date coordinated for Council to discuss the report. Council member Labonte suggested that members read the report twice due to the comprehensiveness of the material.

It was the consensus of the Council to read the report and contact the manager with possible dates that they could attend a meeting for review and discussion of this report.

Community in Schools

Council member Ewings discussed this organization and the support it provided to children in need in the communities. She advised Council that this organization was having a dinner-tainment on May 10, 2005. We are asking for support. If anyone comes by and ask you to buy a ticket please keep in mind that you are helping a child by purchasing a ticket. We appreciate your support.

Mayor

Mayor Shore discussed accusations made during the break concerning his involvement of hand picking the Fire Task Force. Mayor Shore stated the he had no hand whatsoever in picking these members. I did not have a hand in picking any member. I think each one was qualified much more than I would have been. When asked by this person why he was not put on the Task Force I advised him it was advertised and he could have applied to be put on the Fire Task Force. I want to go on the record and state that I did not have any hand whatsoever in picking these people. If it had been left up to me there are some of them that I would have picked because they were qualified and they done a heck of a job and I do not think that I would want to put that much time in it.

Business from City Manager

Manager Bailie discussed the following:

(A) Budget Amendment

Manager Bailie advised Council that she had made a Budget Amendment granted to her under NCGS 159-15 and the City of Trinity Budget Ordinance.

The Budget Amendment was for a transfer of \$500.00 Professional Services to Materials and Supplies in the Planning/Zoning Budget. The amendment was needed to pay for the new zoning signs needed to post property along NC Highway 62.

(B) City Haul

This is set to begin this week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as well as next week during the same days. The location is at the end of Pike View Drive. We have arranged for the dumpsters and will have someone manning the dumpsters.

Adjournment

After reading the Upcoming Meetings and Community Events Schedule and with no other business to discuss, Mayor Shore called for a motion to adjourn the April 19, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Trinity City Council.

Council member Ewings made a motion to adjourn the April 19, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Trinity City Council. Council member Meredith seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

These minutes were approved as written at the May 17, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Trinity City Council by motion of Council member Bridges, seconded by Council member Labonte. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

James D. Shore, Mayor

Date

Debbie Hinson, City Clerk

Date